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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington DC 20231

Dear Sir:

It is requested that this application be amended as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, after the heading "Related Applications" delete the four lines of text and substitute the following:

This application is the non-provisional filing of co-pending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/258,405, filed December 27, 2000 and is also the non-provisional filing of Provisional Application No. 60/216,048, filed July 5, 2000, both of which relate to a method of retaining traffic under network, node and link failure in MPLS enabled IP routed networks.

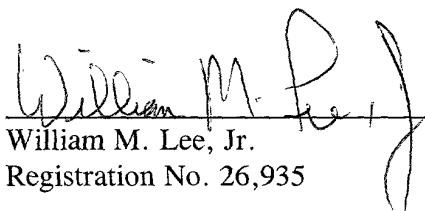
Remarks

The above amendment is being made in order to properly reference the provisional applications forming the basis for this application.

Examination of the application on its merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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